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## MR. VOTER—DO YOU CARE?

THE Primary elections will be held one week from today. The most important duty of the voters of Maui is to help the Territory to get proper representation in Washington for the 64th Congress. The only way to do this is to make an X with a black lead pencil after the name of Chas. A. Rice (Kale Laiki) on the official ballot. Rice has made good as a worker, as a man of initiative, and one who can deliver the goods. Kuhio, has not made good. He has had every chance, and he has failed. His place is in Washington at this moment, but he has not been there for months. Hawaii's only representative is the delegate's secretary—a boy just out of college. Is it any wonder Hawaii has been losing out in National affairs? And yet Kuhio tells the voters there is no reason for his being in Washington. If you believe Hawaii doesn't need a live delegate, who will work, then vote for Kuhio. If you want these Islands to have a voice in Washington that will be heard, and an ear that will hear everything of interest to our Territory, vote for Rice.

## PUBLICITY IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS

WHEN L. E. Pinkham was president of the Board of Health, six or seven years ago, he used to have very positive notions as to just how much the public was entitled to know about the workings of his department, as well as how and when this information should be given. Apparently Mr. Pinkham has carried this same idea of paternalism into the Governor's office. The recent changes in the county board of supervisors and in the local territorial tax division, is an example in point. There is no room to doubt that when the public was permitted to get wind of the matter, the changes were as good as made. This is not saying anything against the men appointed, but it is a characteristic of the American people to want to know what their public servants are doing. If the Governor were wise, he would strive to take the public into his confidence more than he seems inclined to do. In the present instance, the people of Lahaina certainly had a right to know what was pending and to present their case that a Lahaina man should be appointed to the vacancy. Even if their contention was ultimately overruled there would not be the feeling that The Governor "had put one over on them."

COMMENTING upon the plan which is being agitated on Maui of having an office and a paid representative in Honolulu to look after Maui's tourist business, the Star-Bulletin says editorially—

## MAUI AND PROMOTION WORK

Maui's plan to have a representative of that island stationed in Honolulu to meet tourists and urge them to take the Valley Isle trips, is a plan that can be worked out in harmony with the general promotion campaign. It would not be a bad idea if all of the islands had their representatives in Honolulu, with headquarters with the Hawaii Promotion Committee and all working in conjunction with the Committee. In this way the maximum of advertising for the individual island attractions could be secured as well as the maximum of general boosting. It the work of the Promotion Committee expands as it should, if it is given adequate financial support, there will be plenty to do for a staff of four or five live wire hustlers. By combining their offices at one headquarters, expense will be saved.

The thing to be guarded against is the unorganized division of promotion work. The gun that fires scattering shot doesn't carry the "punch" that live promotion work for Hawaii must have. The people of Maui feel that their island needs more individual boosting and they are prepared to pay for it. That same wide-awake spirit will convince all promotionists that concentrated and cooperating boosting is the only kind that will be of permanent benefit to all Hawaii.

## THE LOCAL CENSORSHIP

SHOULD Hawaiian waters become the seat of any active hostilities between war vessels of the various warring nations, these islands might as well be without wireless communication, in so far as the transmission of war news is concerned. Twice already has the MAUI NEWS had its messages censored by the authorities in Honolulu. The last instance was on Tuesday when the German cruiser Nurnberg arrived in Honolulu, stripped for action, and seeking to replenish her coal supply. Not a line concerning this interesting event was permitted to be transmitted by wireless from Honolulu, and it was not until the arrival of the mail the following day, that the news reached Maui. It would seem that Uncle Sam is almost leaning backwards in his effort to stand straight in the matter of neutrality.

## THE COST OF BAD ROADS.

EVERYBODY is trying to help the Kuiaha homesteader to get better roads. The Chamber of Commerce has taken up the matter with energy, and will try to persuade the legislature to do for the Kuiaha people what should have been done before the homesteads opened—make some passable thoroughfares. It is figured that during the past six weeks, the pineapple growers of Maui have lost, through bad roads alone, between \$30,000 and \$50,000. In other words the losses on this one season's crop have been equal to the cost of building from 6 to 10 miles of macadam road.

## SPINELESS CANDIDATES.

ACCORDING to all reports, some of the candidates in Hana have been making a lamentable spectacle of themselves in trying to carry water on both shoulders. The man who will say one thing one week and directly the opposite thing the next week, isn't the kind of a representative the voters of Maui want.

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